

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-24. Applicant has added new claims 25-33. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-33.

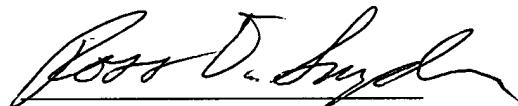
Applicant reiterates Applicant's previously presented arguments. Moreover, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the claimed invention as set forth in claims 25-33. Thus, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, Applicant has overcome all of the Office's rejections, and early notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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